

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Alexandria Division**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

KEVIN MALLORY,

Defendant.

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Criminal No. 1:17-cr-154 (TSE)

Trial: May 15, 2018

REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL UNTIL MAY 29, 2018

The defendant, Kevin Mallory, by counsel, respectfully files this brief reply to the government's opposition to defendant's motion to continue the trial to May 29, 2018.

The government is incorrect that the "core concern" for the defense is the pending May 1, 2018 expert disclosure deadline. *See* Government's Opposition to Defense Motion to Continue Trial Until May 29, 2018 (dkt. # 109) at 2. While the pending disclosure deadline is a significant concern for the defense, the issues discussed in the Motion to Continue, concerning the expert's inability to commence his substantive work until within three weeks of the current trial date, causes significant other trial-preparation problems for the defense as well. Specifically, the defense lacks a clear understanding of the critical evidence in the case, and any defenses that might relate to that critical evidence, until its expert performs his work and communicates his conclusions to counsel. Absent that knowledge, defense counsel is unable to meaningfully engage in substantial portions of their trial preparation, do not know the full contours of defenses that might be available at trial, and are inhibited in advising their client regarding the strength of the government's evidence and possible defenses to it. Moreover, the defense expert's conclusions could be instrumental in mounting a challenge to the government's expert disclosures under *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, 509 U.S. 579 (1993), and its progeny. The government's proposed

solution—maintaining the current trial date while continuing the defense expert disclosure deadline—does not address any of these concerns.

Accordingly, for all the foregoing reasons and those stated in the Motion to Continue, defendant respectfully submits that the trial date should be continued for two weeks, until May 29, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
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